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Monday Morning, Dec. 4, 1865.

To Advertisers & the Public

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, published every morning, except on Sundays, is the largest and most widely circulated paper in the colony. It is published at the residence of the Proprietor, at 25 cents per week, by forwarding the address at the Office of Publication.

JOB PRINTING.
THE BRITISH COLONIST, has a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful printing type, will execute orders to any extent with neatness and dispatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In future all notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages intended for insertion in this paper must be prepaid at the following rates: For Births and Marriages, \$1.00; for Deaths, \$1.00, with funeral notice \$1.50.

THE BIG BEND.

The news which we publish to-day from Big Bend is the most cheering of any intelligence yet received in the colony, not even excepting the announcement of the discovery of Cariboo. It is cheering, not so much because it has enabled a certain number of miners to take out large amounts of gold, but because it discloses to us the fact that the most extensive as well as least expensive mines yet opened out in British Columbia, or probably in any country north of California, are now discovered. So far as is yet known the gold region extends over a hundred miles; the sinking is shallow; the ground rich; and the mines comparatively easily reached. Here are facts that ought, under proper management, to attract the largest population that has yet visited the neighboring colony. From all the accounts we have received, and they are almost strangely unanimous, there is but one conclusion to come to, and that is that the greatest gold mining region in any country on the Pacific has been discovered. This is no idle assertion. If we take the statements of those men who have had practical mining experience at Big Bend, we find that the average yield of the gold fields when opened is computed at from half an ounce to four ounces a day per hand. It is needless to say that no gold mining country in the world can equal this. California, New Australia, nor Montana nor Idaho, cannot pretend to a comparison. Let us, therefore, make the most of our position. Let us take a lead from our American neighbors and advertise our mineral wealth. Portland got the lion's share, and still gets it, of all the traffic north of her State. When she had the longest route to the Rock Creek, the Kootenay, and even the Big Bend, she managed to secure nearly all the trade and all the traffic that went to those places. At present our advantages over Oregon in competition for supplying any mining region in British Columbia are beyond question; and yet the enterprise of our neighbors is gradually counterbalancing this good fortune. As we informed our readers a few days ago, a steamer is built and now runs between Colville and within thirty miles of French Creek. This brings Walla Walla within pretty easy distance of the new gold fields, and will no doubt give the Oregon people a monopoly of the traffic, if a steamer is not placed on the Shuswap and Kamloops lakes by April next. If this latter be done, if Mr. Wright who, we believe, has obtained the exclusive privilege of putting on a steamer, can manage to run his boat early in the spring, we shall have all the trade; and it will be immense, if the two Governments only see that the advantages of our position as well as the richness and inexperience character of our new mines, are laid properly before the California public. If we can show to the California miner that for a reasonably small amount he can reach Victoria and from thence to the gold fields in ten or twelve days, and that these gold fields when reached will afford him the opportunity of making from eight to sixty dollars a day, we shall have a large and energetic population travelling through this city as soon as spring sets in. And we can show all this. With direct steam communication, we bring the miner from San Francisco in four days; five or six more will then take him to Carman and French creeks, where, unless all the narratives from the energetic class of men who have been working there this summer are false, he will be able to make more money, with a less expenditure, than in any other gold region in the world. Let us not, therefore, lose sight of the position in which we stand. From Walla Walla to Colville is a distance of two hundred and fifty miles of a very bad country. Fifty miles of the way is in fact so bad that pack animals cannot attempt to cross it until the middle of May. Then when we come to the boat travel; out of the two hundred and fifty miles on the Columbia River, seventy-five are full of navigable difficulties. Counting the distance from where the steamer lands the passenger to the mines, the navigable reach on the Columbia River, and the road from Colville to Walla Walla, we have the total distance about five hundred and thirty miles, nearly three hundred of which is land travel. Now if we take the Fraser river route and set Yale against Walla Walla, we have to Kamloops lake one hundred and fourteen miles of land travel; then a navigable stretch of one hundred and thirty miles to the end of Shuswap lake; and from thence to the mines about seventy miles, giving altogether a distance of three hundred and thirty-four miles or nearly two hundred miles less than the Colville route. When to this we add the very significant advantage of being able to reach the mines, which it is said can be worked in March, nearly two months earlier in the year than can be done on the Oregon route, we may safely calculate on the whole of the trade, if we make the proper exertions.

WE DESIRE TO ANNOUNCE TO

the public and the trade that we are prepared to fill all orders for every kind of

CANDIES,

At the shortest notice and at San Francisco prices.

Sugar Toys

Of various kinds; Chrysaline Candies for ornamenting

CHRISTMAS TREES!

Stick Candies and Drops; Fresh Sugar Plums; Almonds, smooth and burnt; Longeers, plain and with mottos; Gum Drops, Candy Cigars, Bonbons, Kisses, etc.

All articles are manufactured by us from the best material; they have a pleasing flavor, and no mouldy taste like the Candies imported from abroad.

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CHRIST CHURCH, VICTORIA

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WANTED, A NURSE GIRL. APPLY to Mrs. Langley, at "Rose Villa," or at Langley's drug store, Yates street.

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DANIEL LINDSAY, Official Assignee.

DO, PAPA!

Buy me a Musical Box, AT BAGNALL'S MUSIC STORE, OCCIDENTAL BUILDING, FORT STREET.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.

To-Morrow.

TUESDAY, Dec. 5th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

We are instructed to sell,

AT OUR ROOMS,

Fort Street, Near Wharf.

A miscellaneous lot of

Furniture!

Cooking Utensils; Kitchen and Bedroom Stoves; Crockery; Cut Glass Decanters; Glasses; large Pickling Jars; Cruet Stands; Nails, etc., etc.

—ALSO—

A complete Chest of Carpenter's Tools. The chest is nicely inlaid with mahogany and rosewood, and fitted with any quantity of mahogany drawers.

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Between Yates and Johnson streets.

T. O'Connor, - - - Proprietor

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HAVING LEARNED THERE WELL, I am prepared to supply the want of my customers. None but the

Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars

Dispensed. A Bagatelle Table for the amusement of guests will be found on the premises.

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Hennessy Brandy

AND OTHER BRANDS.

\$1 per Bottle.

Hudson Bay Rum,

33 O. P., 50 Cents per Bottle,

AND OTHER LIQUORS AS CHEAP,

AT THE BOTTLE STORE OF THE

HOTEL,

FORT AND BROAD STREETS, VICTORIA.

del

AUCTION.

London House,

November, 21, 1865.

Thursday, Dec. 7th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

OUR IMPORTATIONS FOR THIS season are now completed by the arrival

EX "DELAWARE,"

—AND—

"BREWSTER,"

—OF—

\$8,000 Worth of GOODS!

Consisting of all the London and Paris Novelties.

LIQUORS

We are instructed to clear,

WITHOUT RESERVE,

AT OUR ROOMS,

Fort Street near Wharf.

—ON—

Most Liberal Terms!

The following

LIQUORS!

2 q casks Hennessy Brandy;

7 q " Martell do;

40 q " United Vineyard Proprietors do;

40 cases Swaine Board & Co's Old Tom;

60 cases George Sayers & Co's Cognac;

25 cases Campbelltown Whisky;

3 punch Jamaica Rum, 35 o. p.

5 q casks Stuart's Islay Whisky;

3 hds and 2 q casks fine old Port;

20 hds Tennant's Ale;

25 cases Tennant's Porter, quarts;

3 q casks fine Amontillado Sherry;

30 cases three diamond Port Wine;

16 cases Club Sherry;

20 cases Jaquesen Champagne;

10 q casks Swaine Board Old Tom;

Etc., Etc. Etc.

Terms and particulars with catalogues on day of sale.

Daniel Scott & Co.

del Auctioneers

Co-Partnership Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT we have this day entered into a partnership with Mr. DANIEL SCOTT & CO., under which name the business will be conducted. All outstanding claims will be collected by Mr. A. Scott, of the said firm, and all debts due previous to the above date will be paid by the said A. Scott.

D. KAVANAGH & CO., Bridge Wharf, December 1st, 1865. del 1m 2p

Coal! Coal!

DEG TO INFORM THEIR NUMEROUS customers and the public that they have just received a large supply of

NANAIMO COAL.

And having made arrangements for a continuous supply during the winter season, are enabled to execute all orders entrusted to them with

Punctuality and Dispatch.

BRIDGE WHARF, December 1st, 1865. del 1w

For Sydney via Auckland.

BY "CYCLONE."

AND RECENT ARRIVALS FROM LONDON!

Curling's Purified GOD LIVER OIL; the best quality prepared.

Curling's CATHARTIC OF MAGNESIA; Hockley's celebrated SEIDLITZ POWDERS; Hockley's, Coleridge's, Hooper's, and Wordsworth's PILLS;

The new Shilling and Anglo-French FEEDING BOTTLES;

Resting's LOZENGES, VOICE JUJUBES, CAYENNE, IPNAC, GINGER, and other MEDICATED LOZENGES;

Dinnerford's and Sir J. Murray's MAGNESIA; Toilet POWDERS, POMADES, SOAPS, BRUSHES, and PERFUMES;

LANGLEY & CO., CHEMISTS & DRUGGISTS, 403 1y YATES STREET, VICTORIA

McCutchan & Callingham

—HAVE RECEIVED PER—

"COUNTESS OF FIFE,"

The following additions to their extensive Stock of Autumn and Fall Goods:

Aberdeen Winseys, Embroidered Winsey Robes, Balmoral Skirts, Quilted Silk Skirts.

Velvet Mantles, Cloth Jackets, Winter Shawls, Mantles, Cloths.

McCutchan & Callingham

—HAVE RECEIVED—

Real Welsh and Saxony Flannels, Flannel Shirtings, Horrocks' Long Cloths, Wigan Sheetings.

Rich Genoa Velvet for Mantles, Colored Silk Velvet in great variety, Colored and black Glace Silks, 35 inches wide, Genuine Irish Poplins, all colors

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—HAVE RECEIVED—

Irish Linens, Linen Sheetings, of a superior make, direct from Belfast.

A complete assortment of Children's and Ladies' Woollen Hosiery, and Under-clothing.

Commercial House,

FORT STREET.

ALL ORDERS PUNCTUALLY ATTENDED TO. no21

EUREKA CONCERT ROOMS,

ISLAND HOTEL,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

Under the Management of Mrs. Quarles.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEG TO INFORM THEIR FRIENDS AND THE public that they will re-open this old established Hotel as a HOTEL AND CONCERT ROOM, this Evening, at half-past eight, where they will be happy to see as many of their friends as will honor them with a visit to taste the best Wines, Liquors, and Cigars dispensed at the Bar, and to listen to Music executed by the best talent.

Glover & Co.,

PROPRIETORS.

OPPOSITION

FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, THAT well situated and comfortable family residence on Fort Street, at present in the occupation of Mr. D. A. Edgar. The premises are conveniently situated, and there is a good well of water in the enclosure. Apply on the premises. no27

TO BE LET.

THE FIRE-PROOF BRICK Store between Henderson & Burnside's, at the corner of Fort Street, is now occupied by Mr. D. A. Edgar. The premises are conveniently situated, and there is a good well of water in the enclosure. Apply on the premises. no27

TO LEASE,

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